

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : KUZE, Masashi et al.

Application No.: Group:

Filed: October 25, 2001 Examiner:

For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING GEAR USED THEREFOR

L E T T E R

COPY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Patent Application
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 25, 2001
1560-0368P-SP

Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55(a), the applicant hereby claims the right of priority based on the following application(s) :

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No.</u> | <u>Filed</u> |
|----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| JAPAN | 2000-350235 | 11/16/00 |

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By: _____

MICHAEL K. MUTTER
Reg. No. 29,680
P. O. Box 747
Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747

Attachment
(703) 205-8000
/kw